

DHAHRAN JOUNIOR TENNIS ASSOSIATION

Board Meeting

MEETING: Regular Board Meeting
DATE: May 2nd, 2009
TIME: 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Tennis Club house

ATTENDEES:

Hongbin Xiao	President
Nancy Hansen	Vice President
Lubna Rizvi	Treasurer
Amani Haikal	Secretary
Tahir Bukhari	Ladder Coordinator
Radmilla Ghajar	Social Director
Lorna Bradford	Social Director
Anwar Fazal	Tournament Coordinator
Shaista Qureshi	Tournament Coordinator
Andy Mehta	Group Coaching Coordinator

MAIN POINTS OF THE MEETING:

IMG Tennis Coaches: Two tennis coaches from World famous IMG Academies (Bollettieri Tennis Academy) in Florida will be with DJTA for 3 days during the first week in June. Currently Recreation is in the process of securing their visas. A discussion took place regarding the format of the visit and the sign up procedure. It was agreed to form a committee for organizing and coordinating the visit. The committee consists of the following members:

- Tahir Bukhari
- Andy Mehta
- Nancy Hansen
- Arimilli, Rao

The committee will present to the board their recommendations and arrangements for the visit. All recommendations will be shared with Coach Aziz as the main organizer for the event as it was his idea to provide the tennis community in Dhahran with such a valuable experience.

Membership Update: Amani stated that we currently have a total of 277 members of DJTA. New members continue to sign up on regular basis. After the payment of their membership fees, they are added to DJTA's website. Andy proposed the automation of the sign up procedure and submission of membership forms which will be discussed with Rao to check available options.

Group Coaching: Andy stated that we have a total of 138 signups for this trimester's Group coaching sessions. Participants have been distributed into appropriate skill levels and assigned to their coaches. It was proposed that group coaching should be cancelled during the IMG coaches visit in order to encourage more players to participate in this important event.

Money Matters (Lubna Rizvi): Lubna stated that she will be leaving at the end of May and she needs a volunteer to take her place and pay the coaches for the month of June. Several board members expressed their willingness to oversee the task.

Social Events (Radmilla Ghajar, Lorna Bradford): Arrangements have been made for the upcoming May "Club Championship Singels" tournament. We still need to decide on the venue of the tournament.

Ladder day: Tahir mentioned that the next ladder day will be on May 29th, 2009. More prizes need to be purchased for the event if we do not have enough. Again, the issue of the ladder and the points system was raised for discussion. Juan Escobar, who headed a subcommittee for the subject, has developed a point system to be implemented for DJTA ranking. The system is based on accumulating points due to active participation in tournaments. However, it was pointed out that such system will not reflect the actual skill level of the players because of the limited number of players in our group. An alternative system was proposed by Tahir based on setting a criterion for participation in tournaments. An example of that would be losing one rank on the ladder if the player missed two consecutive singles tournaments. Both options will be presented to the board for a final decision.

Travel team: In December 2008, Rick Beachy committed to 3 travel team events in Feb, April, and Sept. He has done 2 of the 3 (lots of interest in Bahrain and limited interest in Sanchez-Casal). Travel Team's next planned event is in September (Sept 16-25) but it is so close to repatriation that no arrangements will be made at this time.

General: Nancy proposed that starting next meeting; we should have an Agenda distributed among board members. The purpose of the Agenda is to list all items for discussion during the board meeting so that we all come prepared and participate actively in discussing various issues. Nancy mentioned that she will send an email to all board members soliciting their input for Agenda items prior to our next meeting.

Meeting was concluded at 7:30 pm.
Prepared by: Amani Haikal

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